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Extraterrestrial UAO Thesis Gains Support

Glow Seen, Numbrness Follows:

A group of 5 teenagers, ranging in age from 15 to 18, observed a strange glow near Modesto, California, in the early hours of 13 April 1962.

The five teenagers were visibly shaken as they related their experience to Stanislaus (Calif.) County Deputy Sheriff Ron Hackett.

The youngsters were parked near a canal bank on Ustick Road when they noticed a strange glowing object or light in the west. It appeared to be two to five miles away, over the Riverdale tract area on Hatch Road near the Tuolumne River.

At first the light was about 500 feet high but it descended toward the ground and got brighter as it neared the horizon. It faded away, however, when it appeared to reach the ground. The observers started to get out of the car but when they did, their bodies began to feel numb. They said they could hardly move but later rushed to the home of one of the party where they called the sheriff.

Pilot Reports Speedy Globe

On 21 May an Irish International Airlines pilot, Capt. Gordon Pendleton, and his crew told reporters at Dublin, Ireland, that a globe-shaped object had been sighted while they were flying across Southern England.

Pendleton's plane was at 15,000 feet altitude when he spotted the brown-colored object which appeared to be smaller than his aircraft as it approached from the opposite direction. It had irregular antenna-like protuberances. Pendleton estimated its speed at 500 miles per hour. He said it definitely was not a balloon.

The object passed 3,000 feet below Pendleton's Viscount when he was 35 miles southeast of Bristol on the Cork-to-Brussels run. The co-pilot also observed the object but neither he nor Pendleton informed the two hostesses and 60 passengers.

NASA Is New Subscriber

We welcome the Washington Headquarters of NASA (National Aeronautics and Space Administration) to APRO's tiny list of subscribers. As most know, APRO exists solely to provide information to members only through their individual active cooperation. The only exceptions have been various libraries and research laboratories. We sincerely hope our work will be of value to NASA as it has to our other group subscribers.

In view of this new interest, (foreign and pre-1947 evidence aside) it is even more difficult to accept Dr. Leon Davidson's theory that UAOs are a propaganda weapon of the U. S. Central Intelligence Agency. It would seem unlikely that NASA would be interested in a propaganda tool, or be completely unaware of its existence.

In answer to the many vehement reactions to his original thesis, Dr. Leon Davidson recently mailed an open letter to UFO Researchers plainly marked "not for publication." In it he lists his qualifications as an expert—among them his degrees, work record at various secret labs and the confidence of the USAF UFO Project and the CIA. The latter two make Dr. Davidson open to question concerning unbiased research in the UFO field.

On Page 2 (Item 4, paragraph 3) of his open letter, Dr. Davidson quotes Allen Dulles' statement in Leonard Stringfield's book, "By use of injunction, if necessary," he could prevent anyone from testifying in court concerning Adamski's book "because maximum security exists concerning the subject of UFOs." Davidson infers that he believes that the statement Dulles made indicates Adamski's book was the CIA's promotion. But there are too many factors involved to enter into that argument here.

At the end of the open letter, Dr. Davidson invites people to write for detailed references but not for discussion. If we are not allowed to discuss the issues presented by Dr. Davidson via correspondence (although we realize it would (See NASA, page 2)

In April U. S. news wires hummed with a brief condensation of Dr. Frank B. Salisbury's (Colorado State University) theory concerning the nature of the biology of the planet Mars. As usual, news stories were comprised of bits and pieces of the original theory, all of which added up to sensationalism.

Shortly after the first wire story was read at this office, Mrs. Lorenzen forwarded a copy of her book to Dr. Salisbury and requested a copy of his paper, of which several copies subsequently arrived.

Salisbury's complete dissertation on Martian Biology is far more interesting than the short UPI-AP version. The complete text appears in the April issue of "Science." In a telephone conversation with the Director, Dr. Salisbury stated his feeling that scientists interested in the exploration of other planets should read Mrs. Lorenzen's book and said he would recommend it. Subsequently the Doctor joined the ranks of APRO members, thus increasing the number of scientists on record who are interested in the subject of UFOs. It is this sort of recognition by sound-minded individuals which will accomplish much in UFO research.

In May, Dr. Carl E. Sagan of the University of California at Berkeley stated that Mars is the most likely abode of life in our solar system. He also theorized that although it is generally believed that the Moon cannot support life on its arid and airless surface, "conditions are appreciably milder some distance beneath the lunar surface, and the likelihood of living things beneath the moon's surface is probably small but it is not negligible." Dr. Sagan's ideas were expounded on a "Voice of America" science lecture broadcast.

At least one sighting which was forwarded to Dr. Salisbury as a result of his recent publicity will appear in this issue.

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be a gargantuan task for Dr. D. to undertake such a correspondence) the letter becomes a one-sided attempt at indoctrination, not an unbiased attempt to get at the truth.

By 1957, when Dr. Davidson claims he became aware of the "truth" concerning the CIA's role in the UFO mystery, UFO research had become effective and well-organized. By then the extremely important works of Aime Michel and Dr. Olavo T. Fontes had contributed to the weighty evidence. Was it THEN that the CIA decided on a new maneuver to disorganize the research which was turning up some disturbing answers to the UFO mystery? I have a couple of questions for Mr. Davidson:

1. Was Michel fed phony information by French peasants who were coached by the CIA?

2. Was Olavo Fontes fed phony information via hundreds of private citizens or was he also a CIA pipeline or plant?

There is another theory or two which have not yet been thoroughly probed.

Inasmuch as there seems to be a question as to who is doing what to whom and why, we will continue this discussion in a subsequent issue.

UAO Over North Philly

In a personal report to APRO member Michael J. Campione, Mr. Zigmund Hill of Philadelphia, Pa., described his experience of 23 May 1962. Mr. Campione informs us that some of the names have been fictionalized to some extent as the observers were hesitant about publicity.

On the date mentioned above, Mr. Hill, his wife, daughter Rosemarie and niece Valentine London were relaxing in front of their home at 4th and Ontario in the north area of Philadelphia. Mr. Hill's son Michael suddenly tugged at his arm, pointed to the sky and said, "There's a flying saucer and it's all lit up."

Hill jumped out of his lawn chair, and looking in the direction indicated by his son, saw several people at the street corner looking upwards into the sky. The neighbors were John Site, John Saw, Robert Kind, Leonard Leon and Rosalee Haven. They beckoned to Hill.

When Hill arrived at the street corner, Rosalee Haven thrust a pair of binoculars into his hands. Hill sighted the object almost immediately. It appeared to be hovering about 2 blocks away at about 2500 feet altitude. The object appeared as an inverted "saucer" with six port-like holes surmounted by a dome-like cabin with a large window which was lit up by a greenish light.

Moonlight on the object made it appear light grey or silverfish in color and the portholes were also of a greenish color. A hissing or humming sound emanated from it and the bottom half seemed to rotate in a counter-clock-wise manner. A light belt of greenish color came from the section where the dome met the inverted saucer top portion, but the belt was fuzzy and spinning slowly like the bottom. Hill estimated the object's total diameter as about 20 feet.

Shortly after sighting the object, Hill heard the familiar roar of jets as two of them, with riding lights, came into view at about 5,000 feet and circled the area. Within several minutes two prop-driven planes also appeared on the scene and were apparently on a collision course with the saucer-shaped object. When the planes were approximately half mile away, the lights on the UAO went out completely after making a fast maneuver which resembled a "6".

Hill timed the sighting as lasting a full five minutes. The planes continued to circle for several minutes and then

left the vicinity. The observers watched the lights of the planes until they were obscured by buildings and were about to leave when someone shouted: "There it is again."

During the course of the next 40 minutes, the saucer reappeared three times, as did the jets and the prop-driven planes. The maneuvers were the same in each of the second and third instances but in the fourth reappearance, when the aircraft showed up, the UAO zoomed straight up into the sky at very high speed until it became a pinpoint of light and sped away in a northwest direction. The jets attempted (apparently) to pursue but were swiftly outdistanced.

Mr. Hill further stated that although he heard "scuttlebut" about UAO in WW II, and other rumors since, he had never put any stock in stories of flying saucers.

Additional information pertaining to the sighting: Object passed in front of the moon at one time, bolstering the observers' feeling that it was a solid, material object. A bright moon and many stars were evident in the sky. The object's light pulsated during the times it was hovering and brightened noticeably during flight. Hissing or loud hum was heard during hovering, but no data is available concerning sound during maneuvers and flight. Color of the object was light grey or silver, slightly fuzzy appearing on edges. Object was so close it's apparent size was the size of a grapefruit held at arm's length.

Railroad Men Spot Bullet-Shaped UAO

At 3:30 a. m. on 16 May 1962, two New York Central freight train crews, working miles apart, spotted and subsequently reported their observation of a fire-spewing object.

One crew was working near the O. H. Hutchinson power station between Franklin and Miamisburg in Warren County, New York. George Enneking, a trainman, said the object traveled from northwest to southeast and looked like a rocket with blue-white flame issuing from the rear. Enneking also told newsmen that four other members of the crew, working the length of a 95-car train, also observed the UAO.

The other crew, working near the Earl and Daniel plant at 525 Carr St., saw a "fireball" streak across the sky over Northern Kentucky. The flash lasted about 7 or 8 seconds, and appeared to be "shedding" or throwing off fiery sparks.

UFO Seen By Prof. Maney, Others

A UFO was seen at Defiance, Ohio, between 8 and 9 p. m. on 20 May 1962 by Prof. Chas. A. Maney, of the Department of Physics, Defiance College. The professor is also consultant in physics for APRO and a member of the board of governors of NICAP in Washington, D. C.

First spotted by Don Reimund, the object was a round, blue ball of light moving in a horizontal path from the northwest, about 10 degrees above the horizon. It changed to a bright orange, became dull and disappeared in the southwest at 8:22 p. m. Reimund called Maney at 8:20, by the time the professor arrived at Reimund's residence the object was out of sight.

Reimund began describing the object to Maney and the object reappeared in the southwest at 20 degrees elevation, moving horizontally toward the north. Maney then viewed the object with unaided vision and binoculars of 7 magnifications for 10 minutes as it travelled north about 40 degrees. Maney watched the object for 3 or 4 minutes with binoculars, turned them over to another observer, during which time he lost sight of it. A minute later he caught it again, and the object had turned a brilliant yellow in color. Presently the object stopped, hovered 5 or 6 seconds, then reversed direction, traveling south. At times it appeared to move rapidly, then hover, apparently motionless. It continued to travel south getting closer to the horizon, becoming fainter until it disappeared in the southwest at 9 p. m.

During the sighting both jets and prop-driven planes were observed from west to east, presenting a good opportunity for comparison observation. Professor Maney decided the object was closer to observer Reimund in the first sighting as it was clearly defined as a ball whereas in the second sighting it was just a brilliant light.

The sighting was published in the Defiance Crescent-News on May 21, where in Professor Maney asked for accounts from other possible observers. Subsequently he received the following information which he hailed as "very significant additional information:

The sighting from 8 to 8:22 was possibly observed by Quincy L. Dray, Jr., from St. Johns, Ohio, about 55 miles south of Defiance. He said: "I sighted the same object outside St. Johns moving west and south at 'an altitude lower than a star.' It was blue and became quite bright, remaining at the same

level and I thought it might be Echo II but was quite skeptical. It was visible for about 20 minutes, 8:10 to 8:30 p. m. It would be impossible to identify this as it was not a meteor, not a shooting star nor a comet. It moved erratically, seemed to dip or back up, then start forward fast."

Miss Linda Baker of Hamilton, Ohio, with three members of her family and a neighbor, Jerry Conrad, observed an aerial object between 9:30 and 10 p. m. on the same night—one hour later than the sighting made by Prof. Maney. The object was viewed in a northwest direction over a hill, both with and without binoculars. They observed it as it shimmered as a star, constantly shifting colors from blue to orange. It moved with a "frenzied motion"—it stopped once. It was watched for 15 minutes before the group retired.

See article elsewhere in this Bulletin for a 1960 sighting by a scientist which was passed on to Prof. Maney as a result of publicity regarding sightings noted above.

Scientist Reports Sightings

Upon hearing of Prof. Maney's sighting of a UFO on May 20, a scientist at a University in Ohio informed the Professor of an incident witnessed by him in 1960. Following are the pertinent details:

At 10 a. m. on Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 24, 1960, "Dr. Blank" he requests anonymity) of the Science Department of "Blank University" was driving south on a highway not far from the campus. A member of his family was a passenger. Low in the sky ahead of him appeared a black spot which he at first assumed to be an approaching plane. But as the object got closer the professor could see that unlike a plane the object had no wings. His curiosity aroused, the professor stopped his car at the side of the road adjacent to a golf course where he and his companion got out to get a better look at the approaching object.

As viewed by the two observers when at an altitude (elevation) of approximately 70 degrees and two or three blocks to the west (estimated), and at a straight line distance of 1200 to 1500 feet, the object was clearly visible. It was egg-shaped or elliptical, perfectly smooth, no protuberances or markings, clear curved edges and a bright chalk-white on top with just a narrow band of shadow across the bottom.

This appears to be a view of a disc-shaped object with the top tilted toward the observers. The apparent diameter of the horizontal major axis of

the ellipse shape viewed at arm's length and 1300 feet for the straight line distance of the aerial object, evolves an approximate diameter of about 100 feet.

The object moved at moderate speed like that of a conventional propeller-driven airplane, but silently with no trace of noise whatever. The object traced a smooth arc of travel with no up or down travel. It was in sight some five minutes, moving toward the northwest until it disappeared from view.

In explaining why he did not want his name to be released in connection with the report of his sighting, the Ohio scientist wrote as follows: "... I have been thinking about permitting my name to be released, and have decided that I do not want my name released. I hope you will understand. I have grants here at the University for research which I do not want to jeopardize should someone that is prejudiced against analyzing UFOs truthfully and scientifically (and you know there are many) make an issue out of this sighting. . . . I am sorry I must ask you to keep my name confidential but I hope you understand. Sincerely, I hope that I have helped in some way, nevertheless, by telling you of what I saw. . . . Sincerely Yours, Dr. Blank of Blank University."

UFO Color Photo In Antarctica

An unidentified "very strange" object was seen over Cape Hallet, Antarctica, at 11:10 p. m. on the evening of 9 July. Harold T. Fulton, president of Civilian Saucer Investigation New Zealand (now in recess) forwarded several news clips as well as the text of a radio broadcast containing the information:

Mr. C. B. Taylor, scientific leader at Hallet station, reported by radio-telephone on the 10th. The object had three yellowish-white lights, the center light being midway between the other two and much brighter than the others. It travelled from southwest to northeast, with its highest point in the northwest about 35 degrees from the zenith. When the object was in the northern sky, it emitted a brilliant flash of white light. As it neared the horizon, the smaller lights disappeared in the auroral glow.

"It took about three to four minutes to cross the sky, from about 11:10 to 11:13 p. m." Mr. Taylor said. "We have no idea what it could have been. It was too slow for a meteorite but too fast for a satellite."

Seven of the station's crew of 18 saw the object, and it was photographed by the all-sky auroral camera, in color. Further information will appear as it is received.

An Engineer Looks At UFOS

By Glenn D. Bryant

(The writer is a graduate of Mississippi State University, holding a Master of Science degree in Aeronautical Engineering. He is a rated pilot, has spent 10 years in the Aerophysics Department of Mississippi State U. and served as Project Engineer for Modification, Design and Production of Research Aircraft. Mr. Bryant belongs to the Institute of Aerospace Science and is a member of Phi Kappa Phi and Tau Beta Pi. He is married and has three children).

Please don't read this article if you are absolutely sure Unidentified Flying Objects can all be explained as terrestrial objects. I will make no attempt to prove they are the space ships of another planet, which I am convinced they are. Instead, those who admit there may be space craft lurking in the Earth's skies may find here an aeronautical engineer's analysis of what this all adds up to. This summary is entirely based on several years of observation and study of available unclassified material. The writer's background includes design studies on unconventional aircraft and their relation to certain military and civilian applications. This account, in a like manner, considers U. F. O's as machines either designed for or adapted to a particular type of mission.

First, what do I assume is their mission? A study of reports gives convincing evidence of a mission of surveillance of the Earth by extraterrestrial beings. Their lack of aggressive action suggests they are not in process of colonizing the Earth. Lack of formal contact casts doubt on a trade motive. Evidently, these gifted creatures are in a far more favorable environment on their native planet than on Earth, and their advanced technology would probably put them in a position of self-sufficiency. Lack of formal contact, however, also indicates something more than curiosity or scientific interest.

The remaining likely motive is concern over their own security. The increased surveillance to keep pace with our own technological explosion is evidence that they consider us to soon be in a position to threaten their native planet. The advent of the use of atomic energy and the beginnings of space flight by man are putting him in just this position. Our space visitors are obviously aware of the instability and frequent violence of Earthly society. This uncertainty of intent completes the menace imposed by our growing capability

for harm to them. On the other hand, we must assume that theirs is a mature, self-restrained society with concern for the well-being of others. If this were not so, they would likely have waged preventive war against the Earth at the first sign of a threat. Some may argue that they are yet considering the preventive war alternative. Their weapons and means of delivery are still so far ahead of us that for some years to come they could defeat us without serious losses to themselves. The date would be set by a level of our development which is high enough to pose an inevitable threat to themselves, but low enough to assure an easy victory.

This gloomy alternative, preventive war, is by no means the only one available to them, however. It is most likely such an advanced race has long ago renounced war as a method of settling disputes between societies. They must therefore, have advanced know-how in getting along with other civilizations. It is most reasonable that these diplomatic methods would be tried before resorting to all-out violence.

The question now is why the delay? Why have formal contacts not been made with major Earth governments or the United Nations? An early start would be advantageous in bridging the gaps between our backgrounds. There would be more time to arrive at a mutual working understanding. There must be good reasons for delay which outweigh these considerations. Is there an actual communications barrier between us? Are formal relations impossible because they cannot decipher our spoken or written language? Are they unable to articulate a reply? Evidence from reports and even a superficial examination of the problem render these assumptions unlikely.

Reports indicate space creatures have been prowling around the Earth for many, many years. What would be more likely for a science-minded race than taking specimens of terrestrial flora and fauna back to their planet for study under laboratory conditions? It would be surprising if they did not have a whole "Bureau of Earth" with hundreds or thousands of employees working in numerous laboratories and offices specializing in various features of our complex planet. It would be surprising, indeed, if they overlooked the most interesting and pertinent of terrestrial fauna, man.

Without formal contact with Earth, a large number of humans would have to be collected, studied, and interrogated to keep up with the state of the Earth's civilization. Surely some of the

crop of missing aviators and others must suddenly find themselves living in an artificial environment in a Martian or Venusian laboratory colony. No, I am sure there is not a serious communications barrier. If the Earth's monitors cannot hear our spoken words or voice replies, I am sure they could train human interpreters or even translate by machine. Our written language would be even less of a problem.

Note the above reference to Martian or Venusian. Why do I assume Mars or Venus or both as the home of our visitors? Some well-informed persons state these creatures come from planets around distant stars. If that is true, why is there such an impression of urgency in their surveillance? They monitor our advances in the space arts with exacting thoroughness. The cost of such an operation at a distance of four to ten light years would be staggering even for a highly advanced civilization. Would all this be for the absurdly remote security threat that we could pose for an unknown planet at such a distance? The home of our uninvited guests must surely be in our Solar system and, indeed, right next door.

The apparent primary reason for lack of formal contact goes back to the security threat. It is an engineering matter and gets to the real point of this essay. There is yet one major step for mankind to make technologically before he will be a serious potential menace to our space neighbors. This one momentous bit of know-how is paradoxically utilized by the very space craft which monitor our progress. If one of these craft fell into our hands, the odds are very great that the secret would soon be disclosed to us.

Our feeble attempts at space flight are now achieved by rockets which fire for a time to build up velocity and then coast along. Though much lauded at the present time, these space craft compare with those of our celestial neighbors like a glider with a jet air liner. The vital difference comes from the fact that we have only one tool with which to overcome gravity and inertia. That is inertia itself used in various forms. Initially, a large part of the mass of our ships must be jettisoned at high velocity in order for a small part to coast along to its destination. Our neighbors' ships do not require any such means to oppose gravity. No deafening rocket with billowing smoke from enormous boosters is required for their ships to hover, maneuver, or race skyward to outer space. Instead, they accomplish these feats with

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the silent ease of riding a bicycle around a park.

The only reasonable explanation for the reported performance of the U. F. O.'s is that they are able to generate a field to directly counteract gravity. Also, since gravity and inertia are related, it is not surprising that some of these ships are reported doing fantastic maneuvers. Evidently this anti-gravity device enables our observers to also control inertia forces so that their ships can turn or accelerate at unbelievable rates. This may likewise explain why they fly through our atmosphere at supersonic speeds without the sonic boom of high speed terrestrial aircraft. In other words, their field generator not only opposes gravity and controls inertia within the ship, but controls the inertia of the air flowing past, as well. Apparently, the field generator requires a large amount of power in one form or another, and a nuclear power plant is carried on board. Any power plant must reject heat and the most practical way to reject heat in space is by radiating electromagnetic waves, such as infra red or visible light. It, therefore, comes as no surprise that large quantities of both heat and light are reported emanating from U.F.O.'s. Further, the color is often reported to change with the intensity of the maneuver. When cruising steadily along, the color may be rather dull. Indeed, I and others have seen them switch off their radiators completely at intervals of about every ten seconds when cruising along in straight flight.

It is interesting that these ships make no attempt at concealment. They are conspicuous by their light and are easily picked up by radar without any apparent use of electronic counter measures. They evidently rely entirely on vastly superior performance and armament for safety among their potentially hostile hosts. As to their armament, impressions from bits and pieces of reports here and there indicate that at least one form is of the "ray" variety that can be turned on and off independently of the main propulsion system of the ship. Rays have been reported which cause heat, radiation burns, temporary failure of electrical equipment, and even mechanical force on their targets.

Can you imagine the military significance, of these missing technological links in human hands? Is it any wonder, then, that our space neighbors do not risk this vital security information by making a formal contact that could only be our advantage at this stage of the

game. Such contact would expose their handiwork to close scrutiny, and the utmost of Earth's resources would be rushed into the quest for their secrets. Once given the clue that a secret is to be wrested from nature, and a general impression of what direction to go, man, with all of his weaknesses, will persevere to the solution. Anti-gravity is no exception. The ironic fact is that our visitors have already given us just this clue. A few years ago gravity research was very unfashionable among scientists mainly because no one thought it was possible to do anything about it. Now, the picture is rapidly changing, thanks partly to the example of the U.F.O.'s. The very security surveillance we are undergoing is helping to stimulate mankind into a feverish quest for the missing links which will threaten that security.

It is easy to see that this shocking knowledge is also raising very interesting terrestrial security problems. What a hot potato this is for the world's major governments. What, for instance, would happen if the Russians get it first? All the free nation's defense strategy would become obsolete. Is it any wonder, then, that governments go to ludicrous lengths to soft-pedal it. The official denials of the problem's existence do not fit the impressions one gets of the attention it is getting under the wraps of security.

Of course, I do not have any concrete proof to offer that I and thousands of others have actually seen visiting space ships. Perhaps they are just what many are convinced: Mistaken identity of familiar objects, mirrages, hoaxes, and the like. On the other hand, perhaps these thousands are not all fools or knaves and the Earth really does stand on the threshold of the greatest historical event of the millenium: The formal meeting of two worlds.

Robots Scare Woman

An official Argentine TV Station, with the assistance of the Argentine Air Force, released to the press an account of a woman rancher who saw a disc-shaped unconventional aerial object on the ground at close quarters. The woman had to be hospitalized for shock.

The woman's name was not revealed by the TV station or the Air Force but they did state that she was from the province of La Pampa. She reportedly saw two strange robot-like creatures near the unidentified object. The report also said that experts had confirmed that grass in the area where the object presumably landed, was singed in a six-yard-wide circle.

Some members will note the similarity

of this report to the one reported in the November 1961 issue concerning burned grass roots at the site of a UAO landing in Venezuela, last fall. Also, this is not the first time the sight and proximity of such objects has thrown an observer into shock.

At this writing we have no further details but have requested same from Mr. Remonda and other South American representatives. No exact date was given but the incident is presumed to have occurred in early May.

1947 Pilot Sighting Revealed

The following report was submitted via letter to Dr. Frank Salisbury (see article elsewhere in this issue) by a friend pertaining to the sighting of a formation of UAO's in 1947:

"I did not make a report. Those making reports were looked on as some sort of nut and even the few friends I mentioned it to seemed to think I had joined the "club." Beulah, Ron and I were flying from Los Vegas, Nevada to Salt Lake and while over Utah Lake saw the six or eight objects coming towards us and slightly to our right. They were at the same altitude as we. I did not notice them until we were practically to them. As they passed I banked the plane sharply and flew after them for a few minutes during which time they left us as if we were standing still.

"Size is difficult to estimate in the air but I would guess they were not over six feet in diameter. They were silver-white, oval top and bottom much like two saucers face to face. They were closely spaced. They fluttered as a group for a second or two and then stabilized for a second or two, alternately between these two modes. The incident happened on July 12, 1947, at approximately 2:30 p.m. P.S.T., according to my flying log."

Bullet Speeds Over New Zealand

A mysterious, bright, bullet-shaped object flashed through New Plymouth, New Zealand skies on the night of 4 February 1962. Fishermen who watched the object for at least 10 seconds said it definitely was not a falling star or comet. Mr. H. Edwards, who was fishing off rocks near the New Plymouth Railway station said the object traveled from north to south, was white with a reddish tinge on the leading edge. It had a short tail which flickered as the object disappeared.

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Mystery Object Over Whakatane, NZ

An unidentified object hurtled over the central Bay of Plenty coast at 9 o'clock on the night of 9 July, leaving a fiery trail hanging in the sky for several minutes.

The object, which witnesses described as appearing larger than the moon, traversed the sky in a couple of seconds and disappeared behind hills west of Wakatane. Eye witness Contable Douglass Gray of Whakatane said the object seemed to come from north of White Island, an active volcano 30 miles off the coast and lit the whole sky with a whitish glow. The center of the ball appeared multi-colored, and the rim was surrounded by lines resembling rocket trails.

Noises, Lights Over Cincinnati

Dave Wahler and Mike Benesch of Bridgetown reported seeing a light moving east to west across the sky and changing from red to white, on the evening of the 25th of May. A Mt. Washington man said he saw a moving light which was 3 to 4 times brighter than Venus, going north to southwest at low elevation.

A housewife in Ft. Thomas also reported seeing a large moving light during which time she heard a zooming, "swishing" noise.

The FAA tower at Greater Cincinnati airport reported no strange objects and Dr. A. Presnell of the Cincinnati Astronomical Society said he thought the object probably was Venus, which is large and bright at this time of the year. Presnell did not say he had personally seen the object, however.

Another Sighting In New Zealand

On the same evening (July 9) as the sighting of a UFO by Antarctica scientists, two residents of the Stokes Valley, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Skeet, observed a similar phenomena. The couple were in their back garden when "suddenly this blue-white shape appeared in the sky." Skeet said that both he and his wife thought that it was heading due north.

Mr. Skeet said the object appeared about as large as an orange, and that the overcast sky and dense clouds made the object look fuzzy at the edges. The object appeared to be throwing off pieces, "like sparks jumping from a hot fire." Skeet estimated that the craft was crossing the sky at about 40 degrees above the horizon, somewhere over the Wairarapa.

"Platillos Valadores Sobre Venezuela"

The above is the name (in English—"Flying Saucers over Venezuela") of a new book in Spanish authored by APRO's Venezuelan Representative Horacio Gonzales G. and published by Tipografia Olimpica of Caracas. With heavy dependence on a Spanish-English dictionary, abetting some very sketchy Spanish, the Director managed, finally, to finish reading the book. Some of the strangest, most inexplicable sightings of UFOs including landings and "little men" are carefully documented and discussed. We can recommend without qualification this great book for those able to read Spanish. Any suggestions concerning an English edition will be appreciated also.

The Disappearing TVMs

On Page 12 of the American Legion Magazine for April 1962, Allan W. Eckert documented the case of the disappearance of 5 Navy TBM Avengers off the Florida Coast. Radio contact indicated the planes were lost and their compass apparently of no help. When radio communication was broken off after many conversations indicated the men were frightened and helpless, a Martin flying boat with full rescue equipment and crew of 13 men took off in search of the planes. It gave several routine reports, then lapsed into silence. During the conversations the obviously frightened men said the sea and sky "looked strange".

Eckert goes on to document other strange aircraft disappearances in the same area—all at approximately the same time of the year. For a hair-raising explanation other than the UFO kidnap possibly, get this and read it! Extra copies could be obtained by inquiring at American Legion Magazine, P. O. Box 1055, Louisville, Kentucky. Price is 15c—suggest an extra 5c to handle mailing in the U. S., Canada and Mexico.

Same Old Stuff—USAF

On or about 8 February 1962, the USAF issued its usual debunking news (?) release pertaining to UFO. Inasmuch as there was no new innovations to the usual line, we only present announcement of this denial of the reality of the UFO for the record.

Shiny Ball Speeds Over Norway

Police investigated reports of a mysterious "shiny, ball-shaped object" which sped across the sky at Honningsvaag, Norway on the 4th of May. No further details at this time.

Gonzales Writes For Army Magazine

APRO's Venezuelan Representative Horacio Gonzales G. authored an article entitled, "The Real Facts of the Flying Saucers" for the September-October 1958 issue of the official Venezuelan Army Magazine. The article gives a short history of the phenomena of the UFOs in the early years and outlines various explanations.

More On Mantell

After reading the Director's book, "The Great Flying Saucer Hoax", Mrs. Charles Brunes of Pequot Lakes, Minnesota writes to APRO to offer more information on the Mantell incident of January 1948 which still puzzles UFO researchers today, and has never been solved due to unavailability of military dossiers pertaining to the case.

Briefly, the Mantell case involved the chase of a UAO by 3 P51 fighters. Mantell, one of the pilots, closed in, described it, then no more was seen or heard of his plane til it was found later smashed to bits over a wide area of the terrain.

In one of his books, Donald E. Keyhoe of NICAP, said that Mantell's body was found, but that because of a "mysterious wound" a closed-casket funeral was held. At least two other members of the Air Force at Godman Field at the time have said that they were in a position to know and that Mantell's body was never found.

Mrs. Brunes and her son John were listening to short wave when they were startled to hear an excited voice say: "It has a metallic look and it's moving fast." Later, the voice said—"It's huge", and then, "I'm going to try to ram it."

After hearing this somewhat shocking monologue, Mrs. Brunes and John attempted to learn more about it via the radio. According to reports they heard later, the object was seen from at least two different points about a hundred miles apart. Those same radio reports indicated that Mantell's plane was found in bits and pieces "like kindling wood", scattered over a wide area. This may be the reason there were no reliable reports of its fall.

The Mantell case may be one of the first incidents in which instruments, particularly the radio, were knocked out prior to actual destruction of the plane itself. It is obvious that the Brunes just happened to hear what they did through a freak of radio waves.

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